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**Mr. John J. Johnson  
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**Dear Mr. Johnson:**

**Congratulations to the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It is with gratitude I am proud of the relationship we shared for the past forty eight years. We depended on the Commission for guidance and leadership in civil rights during my 21 years of service in the Kentucky State Senate.**

**It was the leadership of KHRC and participation in the 1964 "March on Frankfort" which led to the passage of the Kentucky Civil Rights Act. This act prohibited discrimination in public accommodations and fair employment. It was the Commission who drafted the 1968 Fair Housing Act which became law, prohibiting discrimination in the sale and rental of property in Kentucky. This act gave the Commission enforcement powers to ensure compliance with the law. This was the first state in the south to pass a fair housing law.**

**We thank you, Mr. Johnson, for returning to Kentucky to utilize your experience and knowledge to lead this great Commission forward. I remember the many years you served as a dedicated employee of KHRC during those very trying times which presently have returned. There is much work to be done, even now.**

**Sincerely,**



**Senator Georgia Davis Powers**